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Changing Seasons

When I first joined Thrive Africa I was made aware of problems within the ministry. Our cofounders were in the States for marital counseling, and an interim director was leading us forward 100% sure of our mission to raise up Godly leaders.

While some people thought my move to South Africa was a huge risk, I felt called to help "for such a time as this." Although it has been a difficult 1 ½ years, for the ministry and for each of our staff, I wouldn't trade them for anything. The people saved, the lives touched, the leaders developed are priceless. Praise God!!

As we learned of the ministry closure, I prayed a lot about what to do next still feeling passionate about raising up Godly leaders, still feeling called "for such a time as this". My roommate June had the same heart, and God led each of us to stay to continue His work.

Introducing Ignite South Africa.

Please check out our website for more information. www.ignitesouthafrica.org

Please also check out my new blogs as I share exciting news and answer questions. www.jillmariemarshall.blogspot.com

In addition, please consider a special financial gift either to my CGE account or directly to Ignite South Africa. There are many needs right now including moving and set-up costs, and continuing to pay national staff during this time of transition.

And please stay tuned – there are so many wonderful things in store!

Blessings, Jill

From my heart to yours... Jill Marshall, Missionary in South Africa



Thrive Africa Closes

After 13 incredible years of ministry, Thrive Africa is closing its doors in South Africa. I've typed that intro sentence a dozen times only to backspace over it again. Partly due to shock, and partly due to not knowing just what to say. There's so much...

But in summary, over the past two years, Thrive Africa has encountered significant challenges far greater than anything experienced before. The perfect storm of personal, leadership, PR, and financial crises. So in recent weeks, Thrive's Board of Directors made the difficult decision to close our operations.

Over the past several weeks we've been busy finishing the ministry year strong while also mourning our loss and helping fellow missionaries return home. We're saddened, but also excited to see how the Lord continues to expand His kingdom as He leads us in different directions around the world.

Please pray for our founders as they settle personal and professional matters. Please pray for our leadership team and Board as there is still a lot to do. Please pray for our missionaries as they discern the Lord's next calling on their lives. And please pray that 13 amazing years of sowing into South Africa continues to produce an eternal harvest.



New Beginnings Ignited

So what does this all mean for me?

The Lord's vision and heart for South Africa hasn't changed. He still wants to raise up Godly leaders who will turn the tides of poverty, crime, HIV AIDS and hopelessness washing over this nation. So as the Lord is calling some of us to leave South Africa, He's also calling me and my roommate June to stay and launch a new ministry to continue the work that He started.

Ignite South Africa will carry on large aspects of Thrive's programming including youth AIDS prevention and leadership development, discipleship classes, and pastoral development.

Our vision is to model, equip, and multiply Godly leaders in South Africa.

We have just relocated into Harrismith (the nearby town) and were so blessed to find the perfect home for us to live and work in. We are currently establishing a non-profit organization, and were blessed to receive administrative support from June's church in Michigan. We will also be joined by Pastor Abram Moloi and Amanda Radebe, 2 long-time staff from Thrive Africa. We're so blessed to have their vision, passion, and expertise on our leadership team.

So as one chapter comes to a close, a new one begins. I pray that you continue to partner with me financially and in prayer, as it's your faithful support that makes this all possible.

Please check-out my new blogs as I share more about serving, sharing and smiling in South Africa.

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